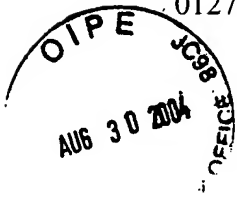


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PATENT APPLICATION



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated July 29, 2004.

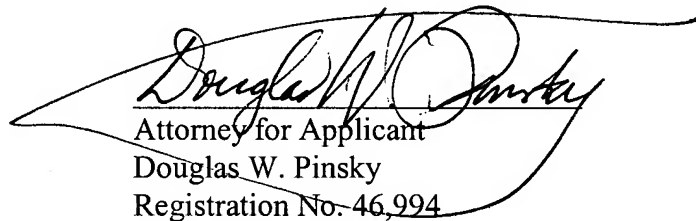
A careful review of the specification reveals that the various species are closely related and would not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicant nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at large should not be required to obtain and study separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects Species A, represented by Figs. 1-9. It is respectfully submitted that all of Claims 1-19 read on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that at least Claim 1 is generic.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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